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ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for providing multiple telephone lines using a single directory number.

A method and apparatus for associating multiple directory numbers with multiple telephone

5 lines. A broadband residential gateway (BRG) is a user interface to a broadband
communication system providing packetized telephone service and other media services. The
BRG has multiple ports, and each port is connected to one or more telephones. The multiple
ports may be mapped to a single directory number, or the multiple ports may be mapped to
multiple directory numbers. The BRG can provide greeting and message features. A greeting
10 may instruct a caller to select a port which is associated with a party the caller is attempting to
reach. Also, a message, played after the greeting, may further instruct the caller.

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